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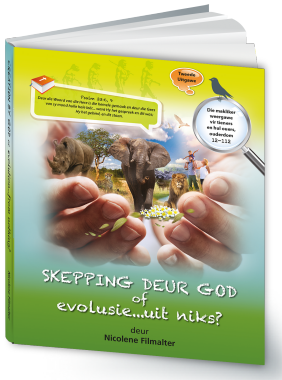


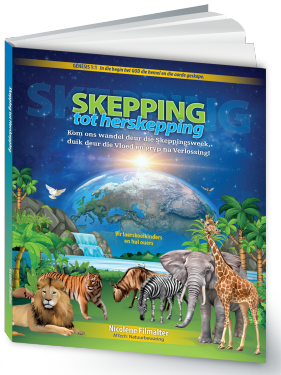


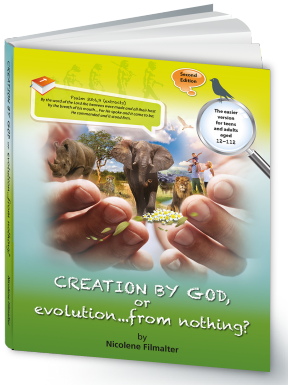


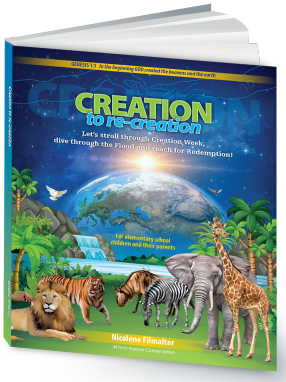


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# FOREWORD

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Nicolene

PROVERBS 1:7
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.

JOHN 17:17
Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth.



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# PART 1

# THE CREATION WEEK

## 1a Days 1 to 4 (Pp 1-17)

- **If God made everything, then who made God?**

Everything that has a beginning, must have been made by someone. In other words, it needs a cause. The creation had a beginning, but God has no beginning and no end, because He is the eternal God.This means that He exists from eternity to eternity and that is why no one could have made God.

- **What four important things did God make on Day 1?**

Time, space, matter and energy

- **How long before Christ came to earth, did creation occur, more or less?**

About 4,000 years before Christ

- **How many years have passed since Christ was on earth?**

In 2022 it is 2,022 years. In 2023 is will be 2,023 years and so on…

- **So how long ago (approximately) did God create everything?**

About 6,000 years ago

- **How did God create everything?**

In Psalm 33:9 it is written everything and: '*For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast…*' God only has to speak, and everything happens exactly as He said.

- **Do you think there is a person or even a computer that could make something from nothing?**

Definitely not

- **Do you think that planet earth looked the same on Day 1 as it does today? Why?**

Probably not since the Bible describes the initial earth-body as a huge, shapeless, watery lump 'without form and void' located well within 'the deep' waters… No one knows exactly what it looked like, only God

- **What is gravity?**

Gravity is the force that keeps and everything around us 'stuck' to the earth

- **What would have happened if there was no gravity?**

We (and everything around us) would have just floated around aimlessly

- **What was the 'deep waters'?**

The 'deep waters' was probably a giant ball (heavenly sphere) of liquid water which contained the initial earth.

- **What light did God create on Day 1? Was it the sun's light?**

No, the sun was only created on Day 4. The Bible explains that GOD is the Source of light, which means that all light comes from GOD.

- **How long does it take for the earth to rotate once?**

One complete night and one complete day = 24 hours

- **When does the new day begin, according to the Bible?**

At sunset, the new day begins

- **In Genesis 1:2 it is written: '*and darkness on the face of the deep*'. What was this darkness?**

It was the evening part of Day 1 since the day begins with an evening ('darkness')

- **What did God create on Day 2?**

A firmament

- **What is that?**

God called it 'heaven'. It is the blue air or atmosphere (blue sky) which we can see around us, as well as outer space around the earth where the stars are.

- **The Bible mentions three heavens. What is that?**

The first heaven is the atmosphere (blue skies) where the birds fly (Genesis 1:20).
The second heaven is outer space where planets and stars reside (Psalm 8)
The third heaven is where GOD resides (Psalm 11:4 & 2 Corinthians 12:2)

- **Why do we need an atmosphere**

The atmosphere contains all the important gases that we and other organisms need to survive ($O_2$, $Co_2$, N)

- **What did God create on Day 3?**

Early on Day 3, our solid, spherical planet Earth was formed (shaped/given form)out of the 'waters below'; so on Day three, God created the dry land mass and the plants. This land mass probably settled and separated from the water mass, (similar to when sediments in water settle) and then pushed up out of the water.

- **Were the plants mature/fully grown, or was it seed?**

Each kind of plant was fully grown, in other words, it was mature and already contained its own specific seed within the plant so that it could bring forth more of its own kind. That is exactly how it still works today.

- **What did God create on Day 4?**

The sun, moon and stars

- **From what did God possibly create the luminaries (lights)?**

Possibly from 'the waters above'

- **What about all the other planets and meteors, when were they created?**

The Hebrew word for 'stars' is broader than the modern meaning and includes meteors (shooting stars) and planets (formerly called 'wandering stars')

- **Does God know how many stars there are?**

Yes, He knows exactly how many there are; but do we? - NO! Psalm 147:4 *'HE counts the number of the stars;'*

- **Did God give names to all the stars?**

Yes, He did. The Bibles says: Psalm 147:4 *'He calls them all by name.'*

- **What does that tell us?**

That God is all-knowing (omniscient). He knows absolutely everything – even the number of hairs on your little head!

- **Why did God create the heavens and heavenly bodies 'luminaries' (sun, moon, stars)?**

To provide light for us on earth (the moon and the stars at night and the sun during the day). They would also function as signs to measure the days, months and years. God has also given us the ability to behold and appreciate the beautiful sky to bring glory and honor to God, our Creator. In Psalm 19:1 it is written: *'The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.'* Why don't you read that entire beautiful Psalm?

- **Is our planet located in a special and unique position? i**

Yes… (Why do you say so?) Exact distance from the sun; Earth's speed of rotation is exactly right; Special position of Jupiter to protect earth against comets and meteors, etc.

- **What would've happened if the earth was just 5% further away from the sun**

All the water on earth would have frozen.

- **What would've happened if the earth was only 5% closer to the sun?**

All the water would have boiled, vaporized and disappeared.

- **How do tides form?**

Because of the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun on earth.

- **What do the tides do?**

They help to keep the oceans and beaches nice and clean. It 'stirs' the water, thereby putting oxygen into it so that sea creatures can breathe. So the tides prevent the sea from changing into a smelly, green mass of stagnant water, without oxygen, which would cause all the sea creatures to die.

- **Extra question to think about. WHO is the Creator?**

Jesus. Read John 1 and particularly verse 14 which clearly identifies Jesus as the Creator. (Many people believe it was God the Father.)

## 1b The Big bang & Day 5 (Pp 18-26)

- **What is an atheist and how do they believe everything came into existence?**

An atheist is someone who does not believe that God exists. They believe that everything came into existence, naturally from a big bang.

- **A short summary of the Big Bang and a few questions to think about**

Nothing exploded spontaneously to produce everything in existence today. Nothing - something – everything.

- No one was there, so how do they know if this really happened?
- How could everything in existence today have been compressed into a single little dot?
- What caused this single little dot to explode, in other words, where did all the energy needed for a so-called big bang to happen, come from?
- How can an explosion cause everything to be perfectly organized afterwards?
- How could the Earth have 'landed' in such a special position by chance with the exact and perfect conditions for people, plants and animals to live in (as explained in the previous episode)?

- **What does 'ex nihilo' mean?**

It means 'from nothing'. God created everything from nothing.

- **Is it possible that the universe (everything) came into existence by itself?**

No, the universe could not have come into existence by itself, because the universe has not been existence forever. Only God exists forever, but the universe had a beginning; And as we learnt in the previous episode, everything that has a beginning, must have been made by someone. It had to have had a cause. If this were not so, the sun and the stars would have used up all of their energy and disappeared a long time ago. This is why we know that time, space, matter and energy (light) could not have made itself, because something that did not exist before cannot make anything

- **Does a Big Bang explosion make any sense at all?**

No. The idea of a 'big bang' explosion to try and explain how everything originated and self-organized simply don't make sense. Where did the energy needed for such an explosion come from and how can an explosion cause everything to be perfectly organized afterward? An explosion only causes utter chaos

- **Do you think that God needed a big bang or evolution to create everything?**

No, because God is almighty. He did not need an explosion or evolution to create everything. HE only needs to speak, and it happens; and that is exactly what the Bible teaches. One needs A

LOT of faith to be able to believe that everything in existence today originated spontaneously from nothing, without God.

- **How do we know that the Biblical Creation account is true?**

Only GOD was there in the beginning and only GOD provided us with a trustworthy record of the Creation account. Through the Bible He provided Moses, (the author of amongst others, the book Genesis), with the correct sequence of the Creation events. Through faith, we choose to believe it.

- **What is a birth certificate and how does it work in the Bible**

When you were born, your parents were given a birth certificate which contained the date and time that you were born. The Bible supplies us with a birth certificate for the universe.

- **What are genealogies and what do we learn from Biblical genealogies?**

Genealogies are those lists and lists of names and ages found in the Bible. From these, we can see that the Creation is young – about 6,000 years old.

- **Can we trust God's Word about the age of the Creation?**

Yes. The most reliable way to determine the age of anything is through the testimony of a reliable witness – someone who was there. The Bible is the method of communication used by our Creator – by The One Who really was there! Since the Bible is God's Word, we can know for sure that it is the only reliable source on the origin and age of the earth and the universe. It is the 'eye witness account' of how God literally created the earth and the universe in six normal days.

- **But how did they calculate the estimated 6,000-year old age for the Creation?**

Through this family history, an accurate record of past events is revealed to us dating from Genesis to Jesus' first coming, and by adding the ages of our ancestors together, we can accurately calculate what happened when. So when you add all these ages together according to the genealogies, it is clear that Adam lived approximately 4,000 years before the coming of Christ and that the Biblical Flood took place around 2,500 years before Christ. By adding the last 2,000 years since Christ came to the 4,000 years before Christ came, we arrive at an age of approximately 6,000 years for the creation and therefore, the earth

- **What did God create on Day 5?**

GOD created all the various water and flying creatures according to their kind.

- **Can you name a few water creatures?**

Fish, whales, jellyfish, crabs, krill and corals, see stars, and plesiosaurs

- **Can you name a few flying creatures?**

Birds, butterflies, bees, beetles , etc.

- **Our Bible mentions birds, but what about bats and flying reptiles (pterosaurs)?**

The Hebrew word translated as 'birds' in our Bible is this word: ôph , and it means 'flyers' or 'flying creatures'. Since bats, pterosaurs and insects obviously have wings and fly, grouping both

them and birds together under the Hebrew label 'winged flying creatures' is completely accurate.

- **Are the wings of birds, bats, insects and flying reptiles the same?**

No. Bird wings consist of feathers, but insect wings consist of membranes or sometimes of thin scales. Bats' wings consist of skin stretched over the long arm and hand bones while the pterosaurs' skin is stretched over the long fourth finger bone to form the wing.

- **How are birds adapted to fly?**

Birds are specially designed to fly. Their bones are much lighter than our heavy, solid bones because birds' bones are mostly hollow and full of air pockets. But their bones are not weak at all because they have special cross-members to support and strengthen the bones. Their bills are also designed to be very light and consists of keratin, the same material that is found in our hair and in a rhino's horn. Birds also have very strong chest muscles and their lungs are specially designed so that they can absorb the maximum amount of oxygen.

- **How did mankind manage to get aircraft to fly?**

By imitating birds. If it were not for the special design of birds, people would probably never have figured out how to design and make aircraft, since aircraft were built mainly by imitating the design of birds. Since it is quite clear that design (in other words, good planning and intelligence) was involved in building aircraft, we know that a very intelligent designer had to be involved in this process.

- **What do we learn from something that is designed?**

Where there is design, there must always be a designer. Likewise today, when we look at all the living creatures as well as the non-living matter and we see how each organism is specially designed to adapt to its specific environment, then we know that our Almighty Creator GOD, is the Master Designer.

- **What does evolution teach?**

Evolution teaches that all living organisms in existence today, originated (came into existence) naturally and spontaneously, by itself, without God. Evolutionists believe that all living organisms have changed or evolved from one kind into another kind over millions of years. This involves non-living matter (microbe) miraculously changing into some unknown small living creature consisting of only one cell, which then evolved over billions of years into the wide variety of living creatures that we can see today.

- **Some people believe that whales evolved from land animals. Why doesn't this make sense?**

Because there is no evidence for this and in anyway, GOD only created the land creatures on Day 6, after HE had created the sea creatures; So how could the sea creatures evolve from land animals if the land animals were not even in existence yet?

## 1c Day 6a - Land Animals (Pp 27-34)

- **What did God create first on Day 6?**

All the land animals

- **Can you name a few land animals?**

Wolves, elephants, cats, crocodiles, squirrels, rabbits, apes, mice, giraffes, etc.

- **When did God create dinosaurs and why do you say that?**

Also on Day 6 because dinosaurs were land animals (land reptiles) and God said that He created all the land animals on Day 6

- **Why don't we see the word 'dinosaur' in the Bible?**

Because the Bible-translators did not yet know the word 'dinosaur'. They did the translations in the 1500's and 1600's, but Sir Richard Owens only invented the word 'dinosaur' in the 1800's. That's almost 400 years after the first Bible translations were done.

- **What word did the translators possibly use for dinosaurs?**

'Dragon' or 'monster' in the new translations

- **What does the word 'dinosaur' mean?**

It means 'terrible lizard'

- **Were dinosaurs lizards?**

No, but when scientists first saw their bones, they thought that it looked a lot like huge lizard bones. Dinosaurs were unique land reptiles

- **How do dinosaurs differ from lizards?**

The most obvious difference is that dinosaurs walk with 'upright' legs, rather than the 'sideways' legs of typical reptiles including some lizards.

- **School text books state and most of the world believe that dinosaurs went extinct 65 million years ago. Yet the Bible indicates that the lived around 6,000 years ago. How do we make sense of this?**

The Bible teaches that GOD made ALL the land animals, on the sixth day and since dinosaurs were land animals, this must have included them. Dinosaurs could not have gone extinct 65 million years ago, because dinosaurs and death did not even exist. The Bible teaches that death came into the world because of Adam and Eve's sin. It is also called, the 'Fall' and the Fall only took place approximately 6,000 years ago. So, how could anything have died before that time, in other words, 65 million years ago, if the earth is only about 6,000 years old and sin and death did not exist yet?

- **Are there other references to dragons, except in the Bible, which shows that humans possibly lived with them and knew what they looked like?**

Yes, worldwide there are historic references to these dragons. King George fought a dragon which is today identified as a dinosaur called a Nothosaurus. Alexander the Great's army were scared of by a dinosaur in a cave, while Marco Polo reported seeing a dinosaur while visiting China. Chinese Historians show dinosaurs along with other known animals in the Chinese Zodiac. We also have cave drawings, tapestries and carvings of dinosaurs showing that people knew what they looked like (even before their fossils were discovered), since they were alive at the same time!

- **In Job 40 God is probably describing a dinosaur that He created. What was it?**

The Behemoth is described in our Bibles as either an elephant, because it is the largest land animal today, or a hippopotamus, because they sometimes live in marshy areas.

- **Is it true that the elephant is the largest land animal God ever created?**

No, the fossil record (earth's cemetery of the Flood) clearly confirms that the elephant is definitely not the largest land animal that GOD made. Elephants are dwarfed by the biggest dinosaurs!

- **Why couldn't the animal in Job 40 have been an elephant or a hippopotamus?**

Because the tail of this animal is compared to a cedar tree, known in the Bible for its size and strength, which is why it is a very strong indication that this animal was absolutely enormous in size. The hippo only has a short little stump, while the elephant has a thin, cordlike tail. Behemoth's strength was in his hips, while that of the elephant is in the neck, head and trunk; Furthermore Behemoth's legs and rib bones were solid bone, while those of the hippo and elephant have marrow cavities.

- **Which animal is possibly being described here?**

It was probably a *Brachiosaurus* - a sauropod type dinosaur; and they are in all probability, the largest land animals that God ever created.

- **The Bible speaks of the fruit of the spirit. Do you know what that is?**

These are the good fruit that we, as Christians should bear as an example to other people so that they can see that we are GOD'S children. These fruit are: '*Love, joy peace, long-suffering (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*' (Gal 5:22)

- **Which animal is being described in Job 41?**

Leviathan was probably a *Sarchosucchus imperator* (Supercroc)

- **Do you still think the lion is the king of beasts?**

No, because God said that Leviathan was the king of beasts

- **Why did God describe these two impressive animals in such detail?**

Because God wanted to reminded Job and us as well, about all the wonderful aspects of His marvelous creation. God is pointing Job to the magnificence of His Creation by firstly pointing out the largest and most magnificent animal that ever lived on earth ('behemoth') and then, HE describes the most fearsome 'king of beasts', the 'leviathan' in Job 41.'Leviathan' is also a

symbol for satan. By doing so, God teaches us that only HE, Who is GOD, can overcome and achieve the victory over satan, who is also a created being. We are reminded that GOD still remains in control of our lives, even when satan attempts to destroy us.



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## **1d Day 6b - Mankind** (Pp 34-44)

- **'Then GOD said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness'. Who is the 'Us' that GOD is referring to?**

These are the three Persons of the divine Godhead - our Heavenly Father, the Son of God (also called the 'Word' in John 1:1) and the Holy Spirit.

- **What did GOD mean when He said, '*in Our image, according to Our likeness*?'**

Mankind is very special to GOD and even though GOD cares deeply about all of His creation, mankind is completely different from all animals, mainly because mankind was created in the image of GOD and therefore reflects something of GOD's nature. So when looking at one another, we should see something of GOD, we should not see a person acting like an 'animal'. This is why only humans (and not animals) are able to have a personal relationship with our Creator-GOD

- **Many people believe that we have an immortal soul, but what do we learn about this from Genesis 2:4 *'And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.'*?**

We learn how God took the dust of the earth to form man and only after He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (His Ruach or His Spirit),' did the 'form' ***become*** a living human being or a living soul. It does not say that God gave mankind a living soul, as though the soul was something separate, but God took the dust (the flesh) and breathed His breath (Ruach/Spirit) into it and with the merging of the two, man became a living soul.

- **What does this mean?**

It means that the soul is not something separate. We ARE a living, mortal soul and we are only alive because GOD's breath of life keeps us alive day after day.

- **What happens when we die?**

Life is given by God alone, and when that life ends, the breath of life returns to God (Who gave it); your body becomes dust and your soul (your life) ceases to exist (Ecc 12:6-7).

- **How does the Bible describe death?**

The Bible describes death as a 'sleep'.

- **Do you know when you are asleep?**

No, You only realize that you were asleep once you wake up; and that is exactly how it works when you die.

- **Will you know that you are dead when you die one day?**

No, in the same way it is when you sleep, it is also with death. The day when you die, you will not know that you are dead and you also won't know how long you've been dead. You will only realize that you *were* dead when you open your eyes again and see Jesus in front of you with a huge smile on His loving face.

- **Why do people, plants and animals die today?**

We were never supposed to die, nothing was supposed to die, but because of sin (The Fall) – which we'll earn about in the next episode, death came into Creation.

- **Would Adam and Eve have died if they didn't sin?**

If they remained faithful to God and if they didn't sin, they would not have died, because death is the result of sin. God's breath of life would have kept them alive if they didn't sin.

- **Is there a solution to this sad problem of death?**

Yes! Thankfully, Jesus has the solution because He gave us a free gift: A sacrifice which ensures that every person who chooses to believe in Him and does what He asks, will be resurrected at His second coming to the earth. And as soon as Jesus wakes us up, He will give us all a brand new immortal body. This means that we won't get hurt, sick or even die, ever again. It further means that everyone who believes in Jesus and obey His Commandments, will live with Him in the Heavenly Paradise - forever! Never again will there be sin or death and you will never be afraid, sad or alone, ever again. Isn't that something to really look forward to?

- **Do Christians need to fear death?**

Even though the thought of death is quite scary, always remember that as far as God's children are concerned, death is nothing but a dreamless sleep while awaiting our Heavenly Paradise.

- **What important task did God give to Adam on his first day of existence?**

He had to give names to all the birds and land animals.

- **How could Adam have done all of that in just one day, especially when we look at the enormous variety of animals on earth today?**

The Bible tells us that Adam did not have to search for the animals because God brought them to him. Of the livestock such as sheep, cattle, pigs, rabbits, horses and so on, there were probably less than twelve original created kinds. The '*beasts of the field*' probably lived in the open plains. God did not tell Adam to give names to all the land animals on earth such as creeping God and insects for example. Only 2% of all creatures have a back-bone and most of these are actually fish. The Bible uses the word 'kind' and not the word 'species'. Today there are many types of 'dogs' which include wolves, jackal, foxes, etc. In the beginning, however, there was only one dog/wolf-kind from which all the various wolves, foxes, jackal and dogs originated. So Adam certainly did not need to specifically name a Miniature Pincher or a Dachshund as such, because they were not yet in existence. He only named this original animal: Wolf or dog.

- **How long would it have taken?**

At most, Adam had to name only about one thousand animals and bird kinds. If he named one kind every few seconds, it would have taken him only about three to four hours to complete the task.

- **How did God create Eve?**

God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and during the very first operation ever, HE used one of Adam's ribs to form his mate.

- **What does 'Eve' mean and why is this important?**

Eve, means 'life', because Eve would eventually become the mother of all mankind. This means that every single person who ever existed, is related to Adam and Eve. In other words, every human being on earth is part of one and the same family!

- **Did Adam and Eve's children have one less rib because of this?**

No, the rib bone is the one bone that can regrow if the surrounding membrane, the periosteum, is not damaged. So Adam's rib bone grew again and all their children were born with the right number of ribs.

- **We read in Genesis that God established marriage on Day 6. What exactly does the Bible say about this?**

The union of marriage is between one man and one woman. God did not institute marriage to be between one man with many women, or one woman with many men, or between two women or between two men. The marriage between one man and one woman is therefore a Divine and holy institution. Anything outside of this is NOT recognized as the union of marriage by God, no matter how many human laws are made about it.

- **God also appointed Adam and Eve as custodians of His creation. What does that mean?**

It means that they (and all of mankind) are supposed to care for the earth and look after it.

- **What does 'Eden' mean?**

Pleasure / Joy

- **What did humans and animals eat in the beginning?**

Plants (fruit, seeds, nuts)

- **What was the ONE thing that God told them they're not allowed to do?**

GOD explained to Adam and Eve that they could eat the fruit from all the trees in the beautiful garden, except the fruit of the '*Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*'.

- **Was there enough food for them and all the animals?**

Oh yes they had more than enough to eat because each fruittree, for example, produced more of its own kind through the seeds that were already in the fruit. The fruit would have always been fresh, sweet and nutritious.

- **How did God describe his Creation works?**

During Creation week, GOD described His Creation six times as '*good*'; but after looking at His completed creative works at the end of Day 6, HE described it as '*very good*'.

- **What does that really mean?**

It means that everything was created to be perfect and beautiful. The fruit did not rot and the leaves did not fall from the trees. There was no evil, suffering, pain, disease, or sadness and certainly no death. It was perfect.

- **How does the idea of evolution differ from that which is written in the Bible?**

The Bible teaches how God created each of the animals (and humans) according to their kind, just as He did with the plants. GOD blessed the animals and told them to be fruitful and to multiply. This means that each kind would only produce more of its own kind. This is exactly how it still works today.

Different kinds cannot mate and reproduce offspring together, in other words, one kind have never been able to, nor will it ever be able to, produce another kind as taught in evolution. Apes and humans are different kinds; Fish and frogs are different kinds, Birds and reptiles are different kinds; Dogs and cats are different kinds. Even though we have a large variety of dogs and cats today, dogs are still dogs, cats are still cats. There is absolutely no evidence in support of one kind evolving into another kind.

- **What are transitional forms?**

Transitional forms are something that gradually changes into something else. If it were really true that one kind could change or evolve into another kind, we should be able to see millions upon millions of examples of transitional or in-between forms in the fossil record, which is the earth's cemetery of the Flood. In-between forms are for example fish gradually changing into frogs, reptiles gradually changing into birds and apes gradually changing into humans. So these are the in-between forms that should exist if evolution were true, but there are NONE!

## 1e Day 7 - The Sabbath (Pp 45-49)

- **How many days are in Creation Week?**

Seven

- **Why should we also learn about the Seventh Day of Creation week?**

Because the Seventh Day is inextricably linked to the Creation week. This means you cannot cut if off from the Creation Week,

- **Do you think God was tired after creating all these awesome things?**

No, because the Bible teaches that God never gets tired. Read this in Isa 40:28.

- **But why does the Bible teach that GOD 'rested' on the Seventh Day?**

The Hebrew word used for 'rest' also means 'to cease', in other words to stop doing what you've been doing. God looked at everything He created and He was very pleased – it was complete, finished and perfect and together with Adam and Eve, HE delighted in it. So God was not tired, but rather, He set an example for us to follow.

- **Why did God create everything in six days?**

God is almighty and of course He could have created everything over billions of years or even in an instant if He wanted to, yet, God chose to do so in six days so that we could see how He wanted us to organize our working days as opposed to the Sabbath day of rest.

- **Can we choose any random seventh day to keep the Sabbath?**

No, God wants us to work for six days and rest on THE Seventh day, not a random seventh day of our own choosing. The word 'the' that is used before 'Seventh day' is called a definite article and this is always used to define something specific. The author is clearly referring to a specific day – the Seventh day. That is why our week is still exactly seven days long today.

- **Is keeping the Sabbath important to God?**

Indeed it is, which is why God made it part of his holy Ten Commandments which He wrote in stone with His Own Finger.

- **But why? Is the Sabbath Day not simply just another day?**

There are two reasons why God commands us to keep the Sabbath Day holy. The first reason deals with the fact that God is our Creator and we can read about that in Exodus 20:8-11 where we find the Ten Commandments. Read that.

The first reason that God gave for sanctifying (keeping holy) the Sabbath Day, is to acknowledge God as our **Creator** by reflecting (thinking) on His wondrous creative works, especially on the Sabbath.

In Deut 5:12-15, however, God gives us another reason why we should keep the Sabbath holy and this deals with the fact that God is our **Savior**. Read that.

In other words, when we choose to live in obedience to God's Commandments - which includes keeping and honoring God Seventh Day Sabbath, then the Sabbath becomes a sign between

us and God to show that we acknowledge Him as our Creator and our Redeemer (our Savior) and that we bow before HIS authority.

- **Is the Sabbath Command not only for the Jews?**

No. Israel (also known as the Jews) is commonly known as 'God's people', but the Bible tells us that not only are the Jews God's people, but also every person who chooses to believe in Him. That includes you and me! God makes no distinction between Jews and Gentiles, but He certainly distinguishes between believers and unbelievers. Read in Gal 3:26-29 how the Apostle Paul explains it. Remember that the Sabbath Day was instituted at Creation, before any nation such as the Jews even existed. It is therefore a command for all of mankind, not only the Jews.

- **Does God provide us with a beautiful promise regarding keeping the Sabbath holy?**

Yes, read about that in Isa 58:13-14

- **What does it mean when we read that the Ten Commandments were written in stone?**

It means that it is forever

- **Are we going to keep the Sabbath in heaven, in other words, forever?**

Indeed, read about that in Isa 66:22-23

- **Which day is the seventh day?**

The Seventh Day Biblical Sabbath always has been and still is on a Saturday, not a Sunday

- **Why do so many people believe it is on a Sunday?**

Many people believe that the Seventh Day Sabbath was changed to the first day, or Sunday, because Jesus' resurrection took place on the first day.

- **Has the Sabbath Day ever been changed?**

No, the Sabbath Day has never been changed by God and there is absolutely NO verse in the Bible that commands us to keep Sunday which is the first day, holy.

- **Who sets the best example on this for us to follow?**

Jesus, since He and His disciples kept the Sabbath en Jesus says to us: '*If you love me, keep my commandments*' (John 14:15). In fact, Jesus obeyed this commandment even in His death by resting in the grave on the Sabbath Day.

- **Why do most Christian churches today honor Sunday (1st day) instead of Saturday?**

They honor Sunday, instead of Saturday, because of a tradition that was instituted by the Roman Catholic Church - a long time ago, although many Christians don't even realize this. The first Sunday Law, commanding people to keep holy the 1st Day (or Sunday) instead of the Sabbath was instituted in the year 321AD by Constantine. That is 1700 years ago! And to this day, most churches keep Sunday holy based on Roman Catholic Church tradition.

- **What did Jesus say about his unchanging Commandments, about tradition and about the breaking of His Commandments?**

Read Matt 5:18-19 and Matt:15:9



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- **Who was the cleverest person ever on earth?**

King Solomon

- **What did he have to say regarding the keeping of God's Ten Commandments?**

Ecc 12:13 (NIV) *'Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.'* How much of mankind? All of mankind!

- **Is it really all about a day?**

No, it is definitely not about a day, it is about authority. Do we bow before God's authority (because we love Him), or do we bow before the authority of mankind and his traditions?

- **Can we be saved by simply keeping the Ten Commandments?**

No, we should keep the Commandments of God BECAUSE we are saved, not TO BE saved. Very important, only Jesus can save us and not our works – not even works of obedience, or simply keeping the Sabbath, can do that.



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# PART 2

# DESTRUCTION

## 2a The Fall (Pp 51-59)

- **Why are there rules?**

Rules are mostly good for you and there to protect you – to keep you safe from harm.

- **What does the Bible teach regarding obedience to our parents?**

The Bible teaches us that we should honor and obey our parents. This means that you should be respectful when talking to or about your parents and furthermore, you should obey their rules.

- **How do you think your parents feel when you are disobedient?**

Because your parents love you, it makes them very sad when you are disobedient and they have to punish you. No good parent enjoys punishing a child.

- **Why is important for you to be punished when you disobey your parents rules?**

God has appointed parents to teach their children about obedience – to our parents and more importantly, to obey God. This is a parent's most important duty: To raise godly children on behalf of God, our Heavenly Dad and to teach children about His love and grace. By punishing you for disobedience, teaches you that disobedience always has rather unpleasant consequences so that next time, you'll hopefully think twice before doing what you know you shouldn't do.

- **What does it mean when God says He gave us 'freedom of choice'?**

GOD created us with the freedom of choice, because true love must always give you the freedom to choose for yourself. This means that we can choose whether we want to serve, love and obey God, or not. BUT REMEMBER, choices always have consequences.

- **What is sin?**

Sin is anything we think, do, or say in violation of GOD's Commands as clearly outlined in the Ten Commandments given to us in Exodus 20. This is God's Law and this Law shows us what sin really is. Read 1 John 3:4 and Rom 7:7-8.

- **Can this Law cleanse us from our sin?**

So in reality, the Ten Commandments are like a mirror in which we can see where we became filthy because of sin. Water cannot wash away the stains caused by our sins, neither can simply staring into the mirror accomplish this. Only the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior can cleanse us of our sins.



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- **Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?**

As we've learnt in the very first question about rules, God gave us the Ten Commandments because He loves us very much and He wants to protect us from the negative and harmful consequences of disobedience.

- **What about people that have never heard of the Commandments before?**

Deep inside our hearts and minds, we all know very well what is right and what is wrong, because we were created in the image of God and because the Holy Spirit constantly reminds us of this. It remains our choice whether we will listen to that Voice, or not.

- **What was the first rule that God gave to Adam and Eve?**

God told them not to eat from the '*Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*'.

- **What would happen if they did eat the fruit from this tree?**

Because Adam and Eve were still 100% obedient to God at that point, there was no sin in the world and they knew absolutely nothing about evil. But if they would eat from the fruit of this tree, they would find out what evil and sin really was.

- **What was God's warning to Adam and Eve about the consequences of this?**

God warned them and gave them a very good reason why they should not eat the fruit from that tree, because if they did, they would surely die! God wanted to protect Adam and Eve from harm by teaching them to be obedient to Him. He did not want them to become acquainted with sorrow and evil, but the choice was in their hands.

- **Was the snake that tempted Eve just a snake?**

No, satan used the serpent as an instrument to talk to Eve. The devil or satan likes to use various instruments to stimulate our curiosity and to tempt us and eventually, to deceive us into disobeying God.

- **What was satan's plan?**

Satan's objective was to get Eve to doubt God's trustworthiness by making her doubt what God had said. He also cunningly twisted what God actually commanded.

- **Who told the first lie in the Bible and what was that lie?**

Satan told the first lie, which is why Jesus called him the father of lies (John 8:44). This lie had to do with the mortality of mankind. Satan actually told Eve that God lied to them and that they would not really die. To this very day, people still believe this lie – that when we die, we simply 'live on' and immediately go either to heaven, or to hell because they believe mankind has an immortal soul. But the Bible teaches very clearly that man **is** a mortal soul. He does not have a soul as though it is something separate; and that mankind is mortal. Only God is immortal (1Tim 3:13 and 16). Satan also lied about something else: When he said that Adam and Eve would become *'like God'*. He implied that they would become as powerful as God.

- **What is die 'unforgivable sin' spoken of in the Bible?**

The longer we continue to do the wrong thing, the less it will bother us the next time because in this way, we become insensitive to sin; and if it gets to a point that it doesn't bother us any more when we sin (that we don't feel guilty any more) then we won't even want to ask for God's

forgiveness. God cannot forgive us unless we listen to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, confess our sin and ask for His forgiveness. We must always remain sensitive to sin and never become comfortable with it! It must always bother us when we do something wrong because the price Jesus paid for our sins, was terribly high. There is no sin that God is unwilling to forgive the truly repentant sinner

- **How did Adam and Eve feel after they sinned against God?**

Adam and Eve immediately realized that they had done something wrong. They now had knowledge of sin and evil because they had been disobedient to God. Evil had now become a part of their lives. It changed them and it damaged their relationship with God. The character of innocence and righteousness they had, were tarnished and they realized that they were naked. They deeply regretted what they had done. They felt guilty and embarrassed about their disobedience. They now realized that it was not God who had lied to them, but satan, because they certainly did not feel so great after eating the fruit.

- **How do you feel after doing something wrong?**

Let the children explain themselves and compare to how Adam and Eve felt (regret, sadness, shame…)

- **Adam and Eve tried to hide from God after they sinned. In which way are humans still doing this today**

Just like Adam and Eve, we also try to hide behind 'fig leaves'. We do it by either lying about it, or by trying to justify it, or by saying: "*Oh well, it's not that serious*." or '*Everyone does it*"

- **Why is it so dangerous to try and justify your wrongdoing (sin)?**

Because sin is sin and God says that all sin is equally serious because all sin eventually leads to eternal death. God wants to give us eternal life, not eternal death.

- **What was Adam's reaction when God asked him whether he ate fruit the tree?**

Instead of Adam admitting to his own guilt, he immediately first blamed GOD and then Eve.

- **What was Eve's excuse?**

She blamed the serpent

- **Can we blame someone else when we choose to sin, even if they deceived us?**

No! We cannot blame anyone else and what's more, GOD cannot forgive us unless we confess to what we have done wrong specifically and personally ask Him to forgive us. No one can do that on our behalf; certainly not a priest.

- **Can we simply say: "*I'm sorry Jesus*" and do that wrong thing again?**

No. When we ask for forgiveness for something we have done wrong, we should try hard not to do it again. However, if we ask for forgiveness while already planning in our hearts to do it again, thinking that no one will know, then we are not sincerely sorry and God cannot forgive us.

- **Does God know what we think?**

Oh yes because He is omniscient, which means, He knows everything! God always looks at what is in our hearts. We cannot hide anything from Him, not even our thoughts. Read 1 Sam 16:7.

- **GOD warned that they would die if they ate from the fruit of the forbidden tree. But why? Was the tree and its fruit poisonous?**

No, there was nothing wrong with the tree or its fruit. Just like all the other things which God had created, the tree was 'very good'. But God had forbidden Adam and Eve to eat of this specific tree as a test of their loyalty and obedience to Him.

- **Why does God have to punish sin?**

Because God is 100% love, but also 100% righteous and holy, He must punish the sinner.

- **Did God still love Adam and Eve after they sinned?**

Oh yes! Even though God was very sad about their wrong choice, He still loved them as much as before. God felt very sorry for them. It broke His heart to see their unhappiness. He was particularly sad because He knew what sad consequences sin would bring to them and also to all of their descendants right up to us today.

- **What ray of hope did God give to them?**

One of the Persons of the Godhead, the Son of God and the Creator of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ, declared Himself willing to pay the penalty for sin on behalf of mankind – even before Creation occurred. This meant that He would sacrifice His Own life in the place of sinners such as Adam and Eve (and you and me).

- **Why did God make clothes of skin for them to wear?**

God wanted to teach Adam and Eve about this Plan of Salvation and since God made clothes of skin, it meant that an innocent animal had to be slaughtered on their behalf; the first creature that ever died on earth. This was probably when they first learnt about sacrifice. In other words, because of sin, something had to die in their place as a type, or an example, of Christ, the true Sacrifice on their and our behalf.

- **Some people say that it was unfair and cruel of God to have his Son crucified, but is this true?**

It is very important to understand that the Son Himself voluntarily offered to lay down His life because He loves the Father and us with infinite love! Nobody commanded the Son to do so and the Son did not make any decision on His own, but always in accordance with His Father's will. The Plan of Salvation was therefore determined in unison by the Godhead. When JESUS says that He lay down His life Himself, it simply emphasizes that HE was not forced to do so, but did so voluntarily out of love for us and for the Father. Read John 10:17-18.

- **So what is this great hope that God had given to humanity here?**

HE promised that hope and forgiveness would be available to all of humanity through JESUS CHRIST.

## 2b The consequences of the Fall (Pp 60-67)

- **What is a prophecy?**

A prophecy is a revelation from God to humanity about things that will happen in future; and because some of those things have already taken place, we can look back into history to see how perfectly God's prophecies have been fulfilled.

- **Genesis 3 contains a very important prophecy. What is it about?**

It explains how One of the descendants of the woman would one day bruise the serpent's head and the serpent would bruise His heel.

- **What does it mean?**

This prophecy refers to the fact that Jesus Christ would come to earth to completely destroy satan and his work of deception. Jesus would die on the cross on our behalf and because He rose again after three days, He conquered the curse of sin, which is death, once and for all – forever! And so Jesus bruised the serpent's head and the serpent represents satan.

- **What did God tell Eve specifically?**

That because of her sin, her pain and effort in child birth would be greatly increased.

- **What did God tell Adam specifically?**

God told Adam that the earth was now cursed because of their sin and that it would yield thorns and thistles. These did not exist before the Fall. Where Adam's work was an absolute pleasure to do in the past, it would now require a lot of effort. For the rest of their lives on earth, humanity would have to work very, very hard for the soil to yield their food.

- **Can we still see the consequences of the Fall in nature today?**

Yes, we see it in a beautiful flower that wilts, falls to the ground, rots and dies. We see it in crops that fail, in droughts and in floods. We experience it when terrible storms and tsunamis devastate vast areas and we see it when we bite into a juicy mango just to find a worm inside that has already spoilt it. Read Rom 8:20-22

- **Why did God send Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?**

There was another tree in the Garden of Eden that God mentioned specifically; and that was the '*Tree of Life*'. In Rev 22:1-2 & 14 we are told that the fruit of this tree will bring healing and that everyone who goes to heaven will eat of this fruit and live with God, forever. So if Adam and Eve still had access to this tree in the Garden of Eden; and if they had eaten the fruit in their sinful state, mankind would have become immortal and would have had to live in this sinful condition forever. This is why God sent them out of the Garden and commanded an angel to guard the access to Eden and therefore also to the '*Tree of Life*'.

- **What else do we learn from this?**

This proves once again, that mankind is mortal. We would only have been immortal if we had remained obedient and had unlimited access to the '*Tree of Life*'. Even though Adam eventually



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lived for 930 years, both Adam and Eve slowly began to die from that very moment when they chose to sin – just like us every day.

- **Why is there so much pain, suffering, disease, war and sadness in the world today? Is it God's fault?**

God created Adam and Eve to be perfect, healthy and happy and with the ability to choose between obedience or disobedience to God; just like we too have to make that choice every day. When we make a choice, we have to accept the consequences of that choice as well. When Adam and Eve chose disobedience, the consequences was that sin, disease, suffering and death came into the world. This was certainly not how God intended life for mankind to be. Read Rom 5:12.

- **What was the name of Adam and Eve's first two sons and what did they do?**

Cain was a crop farmer and Abel was a *'keeper of sheep'*.

- **Why did people in the Old Testament bring blood sacrifices to God?**

A sacrifice to GOD had a very specific purpose. The innocent lamb was a symbol of Christ Who would sacrifice His innocent and sinless life to pay the penalty for the sins of fallen humanity. The blood of the lamb represented Christ's blood that washes away our sin. This is why people in the Old Testament brought blood sacrifices to the Lord. In this way they showed that they understood how sin leads to death and that an innocent Lamb (Jesus Christ) would one day give the perfect sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Read Heb 9:22.

- **Why did God reject Cain's sacrifice, yet He accept that of Abel?**

Because Cain sacrificed the yield of his crop, while Abel sacrificed his best lamb. So Abel brought a blood sacrifice, but Cain did not. Of course Cain could have traded his crop of fruit for one of Abel's lambs, but he didn't. The Bible further explains how Abel brought his sacrifice to God in faith because his heart was sincere, but Cain's heart was not sincere & God knew this.

- **How did Cain react when God rejected his sacrifice?**

Cain became very upset and angry

- **How did God try and help Cain to turn away from sin and did Cain listen?**

Read Gen 4:6-7. No, he did not listen, he ignored it and consequently, he just became angrier and angrier.

- **What did all this pent-up anger of Cain eventually lead to?**

One day, when Cain and Abel were alone in the field, Cain's pent-up anger suddenly boiled over and the next moment he struck Abel, his own brother, and killed him! This was the very first murder ever on earth.

- **What very important lesson do we learn from this?**

We learn that we should not give free reign to our emotions – it can destroy us and those around us. We have to pray daily and ask God to help us to remain in control of our emotions. Our emotions (especially anger) should not control us, but rather, we should remain in control of our emotions. Fact is, when we are angry, we cannot think clearly and we sometimes do very dumb things…

- **Do we still have a sacrificial system today where we need to bring sacrifices?**

No, the entire system came to an end after Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, brought the perfect sacrifice. That single and perfect sacrifice that replaced the old testament blood sacrifices, was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This is why God no longer wants us to bring any other blood-sacrifices. Read Heb 10:10.

- **What was the name of the first son that Adam and Eve had after Abel's death and what does his name mean?**

Seth and that means 'substitute'

- **Who was Cain's wife?**

In Genesis 5:4 we learn that Adam and Eve had other sons...ssss and other daughters...sss. Adam lived for a whopping 930 years. That would have been ample time to build quite a substantial nation. Since Adam and Eve were the first and only people on earth and since they had many children, Cain and Seth and their other brothers must have married their own sisters!

- **What are mutations?**

Your body is composed of billions of tiny little cells, and inside each tiny little cell, we have even tinier things called 'genes'. These genes carry all the information that we inherited from our parents and which we will one day carry over to our own children. As these genes are carried over from one generation to the next, mistakes sometimes slip in. We call these mistakes, 'mutations' and mutations are responsible for hundreds of hereditary diseases such as cancer and various birth defects. Over the years, these mutations have increased in each new generation. Different families have different mutations. So two people who come from different families, usually carry different mutations (mutant genes) and when they get married and have children, the 'good' genes (or the genes that are not mutated) will be 'in charge' in their children. So their children should not have any defects or diseases caused by mutations. However, when a brother and sister get married and have children, the chances of defects and mutation diseases in their children are much higher because a brother and a sister come from the same family and therefore have a greater chance of bearing the same harmful mutations in their genes.

- **Isn't it wrong for a brother to marry his sister?**

In the beginning, mutations was not a problem. They didn't even exist because Adam and Eve were created perfect. But because of the Fall, everything was affected negatively – even those tiny particles that we call 'genes'. Initially, the appearance of genetic mutations were still very low and that is why there were no genetic problems when Adam and Eve's children married one other and had children. It took many hundreds of years for mutations to increase to such an extent that it became dangerous for a brother to marry his sister. This is why, in the time of Moses (about 2,500 years later), GOD gave specific instructions on this. Read this in Lev 18:9 and Deut 27:22. This explains why it was acceptable for brothers and sisters to marry one another in the beginning, but not anymore today.

- **What about cousins – can they get married and have children?**

When first cousins marry and have children, the chances of them carrying a disease forming mutation to their children, is one in eight! That is a very high chance!

## **2c The Ark** (Pp 69-81)

- **Which animals did God say Noah had to take on the Ark?**

One pair of each kind of land animal as well as one pair of each kind of flying animal. He also took seven pairs of all kinds of clean animals onboard.

- **What is a 'clean' animal?**

These animals are acceptable for humans to eat, while the 'unclean' animals are not. Read about this in Lev 11. Only clean animals were used in sacrifices to God, which is why God told Noah to take 7 extra pairs of 'clean' animals onboard as well.

- **How big was the ark?**

The Ark was 140m long (longer than a soccer field), 23m wide (as wide as four traffic lanes) and 14m high (higher than a four-story building) and it had three decks.

- **Was the ark stable enough to handle rough seas?**

Oh yes! Korean shipbuilders found the Ark, as described in the Bible, to be one of the most stable forms of seafaring vehicles able to handle a very rough sea. According to them, the Ark could withstand winds of up to three-times hurricane-strength and waves up to 30m high (and probably even higher) and it could tilt over beyond 60 degrees without toppling over.

- **Do you think that Noah built the ark all by himself?**

No, his sons also helped and it's very likely that Noah hired laborers to help them.

- **How much time had lapsed since the time that God issued the warning that He was going to destroy the earth with a Flood; and why so long?**

120 Years. This was a period of grace during which they could repent and turn to God. During this time, Noah built the Ark and continually warned the people: 'Repent, for a Flood is coming'.

- **What did the people have to do to be saved?**

They simply had to believe and trust in God by getting into the Ark when the time came.

- **Did they listen? What was their reaction?**

No, they mocked Noah, and laughed at him.

- **What did Jesus later have to say about this and how is this being repeated today?**

Read Matt 24:38-39 first. Jesus has given us His assurance that He is coming to the earth again, this time He will come as The Judge. But just as in the time of Noah, many people simply don't believe that this will happen and therefore, they will also be caught off guard.

- **Did Noah have to gather all the animals by himself?**

No, Noah could have used hired help or his own servants to gather the animals, just like the emperors did centuries later. Also, the Bible says that God instructed the animals to go into the Ark, so Noah did not have to chase the animals to gather them.

- **Where was Noah according to Gen 6:20 and 7:15 and what else do we learn here?**

He was inside the Ark. We learn that God was completely in control of how the animals were selected and gathered for the Ark. Noah may even have built up an animal collection before the Flood began and then God supernaturally commandeered the animals into the Ark.

- **What advantages could there be to build up an animal collection before the Flood?**

Animals in captivity are more used to people and are therefore easier to handle. Noah could have observed the animals carefully to identify any weak or diseased animals and replace them with healthy, strong ones to take on the ark.

- **Read Gen 7:22. Were there insects on the ark?**

Possibly, but Noah did not have to specifically gather them since insects don't breathe through nostrils.

- **What does it mean when it says that only the 'original kinds' were on the ark?**

Read page 72-75 in *Creation to re-creation* or refer to the presentation. The Biblical record (the lists of animals in Leviticus) indicates that the original created kinds were not on the 'species' level of today's classification, but probably on the 'family' level, such as the cat family, the elephant family, the dog/wolf family, etc.

- **What do we call a cross-breed between a horse and a donkey?**

A mule

- **What do we call a cross-breed between a zebra and a donkey?**

A zonkey

- **A lion and a tiger? A whale and a dolphin?**

A liger and a wholphin

- **What do we learn from this?**

Ligers prove that lions and tigers are different species, but the same kind. Wholpins prove that whales and dolphins are different species, but the same kind. All of these cross-breeds prove that they originated from a specific originally created kind respectively.

- **Were there poodles and doberman pinchers onboard?**

No, because they did not exist yet. Only the original dog/wolf kind was onboard from which the foxes, wolves, jackal, wolves and various dog-breeds later originated

- **Were there dinosaurs onboard and why do you say so?**

Yes, because dinosaurs were a land animal kind that breathed air through nostrils and that was created by God together with all the other land animals on Day 6. God told Noah to take one pair of each land animal kind into the Ark. This therefore included dinosaurs.

- **How on earth did dinosaurs fit into the ark?**

Most dinosaurs weren't that big at all; some were even smaller than chickens! The average size of an adult dinosaur was approximately that of a sheep! (some say a bison). The largest egg ever hatched by a dinosaur was only about the size of a football, which means that even the

biggest dinosaurs such as the *Apatosaurus* and *Brachiosaurus* used to be quite small, just like you and me!

- **What advantages were there in taking young animals onboard?**

Younger animals are smaller and therefore could have easily fitted into the Ark. They would have been easier to feed and they would have had babies sooner after the Flood.

- **How many animals were probably on the ark?**

Only about 2,000 animals (1,000 pairs) if we use the family level of classification. If we use the generic level of classification, if would be about 16,000 animals (8,000 pairs).

- **How much space would they have needed on the ark?**

Only about 3%

- **What about food – how much space would it have occupied on the ark?**

Read pages 79-81 *Creation to re-creation*. It would have occupied about 15% of the ark's space.

- **What about water?**

If they took water onboard as well, the water would probably have occupied about 10% of the space on the Ark. But there's a large possibility that they may have simply used some of the enormous amounts of rainwater, rather than storing it inside the Ark. Then there would have been even more open space.

- **What does this all mean?**

This means that more than 72% of the Ark and possibly even more, was open space! So there was more than enough space for Noah, his family, all the animals and even the food and water.

- **Who was the open space for?**

For all the unbelievers that refused to heed God's warning.

- **Were the people in Biblical times less clever than we are?**

The idea that people of ancient times were less intelligent than we are, is just another evolutionary idea. In Gen 4 it says that Adam and his descendants were grain and livestock farmers. They made musical instruments, could forge metal and built cities. Shortly after the Flood, the Egyptians learnt how to write, how to cut granite and how to build the pyramids with great precision, intricate design and fine detail – all without computers. Adam and Eve were created perfect, but since the fall, the mental ability of humans began to decline over a period of 6,000 years. We are, in all probability far less intelligent than they were.

- **How long were they on the ark**

One year and eleven days



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## 2d The Flood - Possible conditions before and during the Flood
(Pp 83-91)

- **How can we learn more about the Flood?**

None of us were there, which is why we can only draw conclusions regarding the circumstances surrounding the Flood by looking at fossils and landscapes and by comparing it with what has been revealed in the Bible. The Bible is filled with details about the Flood. In fact, the Flood represents the most detailed account of any single event in the Bible. There is also clear evidence in nature that testifies to the consequences of the Flood.

- **More or less how long ago did the Flood occur?**

Approximately 2,500bC, so that's about 4,500 years ago

- **What do we learn about the climate before the Flood?**

It appears that the climate before the Flood was nice and warm, all the way from the North Pole to the South Pole, mainly because deserts, glaciers, ice caps and higher sea levels probably did not exist before the Flood. This means that more ground surface was available for the growth of a much larger number of plants than today. The higher number of plants on earth before the Flood would have caused higher levels of CO2 to be produced. This would have resulted in warmer temperatures, because the greenhouse-effect of CO2 prevents warm air from leaving the earth. Various plant fossils have been discovered all around the world, even under Antarctica's ice caps where coal seams have been discovered. Coal is actually plant material that fossilized and these coal seams contain plants which do not occur in the Polar Regions today, but only in warmer parts. In other words, these plant fossils indicate that the earth was nice and warm before the Flood, even in what we know today to be the Polar regions

- **But isn't CO2 bad for our planet today?**

No! Higher CO2 levels will actually improve plant growth and productivity! It is the other emissions such as sulfur dioxide and soot that are undesirable and that should be reduced, but CO2 is a God-designed colorless, odorless gas, and a crucial part in the cycle of life.

- **Was the ocean as deep before the Flood as it is today?**

Very likely, only broad rivers and a shallow sea existed. Before the Flood, most of the water was probably located deep in the earth's mantle where there is still a lot of water present today.

- **Did the Flood really cover the entire earth? Wasn't it simply a local flood in a smaller, local area, where Noah once lived (Mesopotamia)?**

If it was only a local Flood, GOD could have simply told Noah to move away, maybe to the top of a high mountain. He would not have had to take flying animals because they could have simply flown away. Most importantly: Although God promised that there would never again be another worldwide Flood. As a sign of this promise, HE gave us the rainbow. Through the years, many local floods have occurred in various places on earth, but there has never, ever been another worldwide Flood such as the one in Noah's day. In other words, if Noah's Flood was only a local flood, it would mean that God has broken His promise over and over and over

again, because there has been countless local floods on earth since Noah's time. God NEVER breaks His promises!

- **Have a look at the image on page 86 of the book. What interesting calculation did geologists make regarding water in the rocks of the mantel?**

They have calculated that the rocks in earth's mantle still contain enough water in their mineral structure to fill up the oceans about 10 times over!

- **Read Gen 7:11. What do we learn here regarding the '*breaking up of the fountains*'?**

We learn where most of the floodwater probably came from. The '*breaking up of the fountains*' implies a release of hot magma mixed with steam that pierced the earth's crust so that giant rifts ran thousands of miles across the planet, tearing open the earth surface. The scolding hot magma that pushed up through these rifts vaporized massive amounts of water into superheated steam that jetted into the atmosphere, then falling back to the earth for 40 days as intense global rain along with torrential rain from heaven as described in the Genesis 7:11.

- **Can we still see these rifts today?**

Yes, we can. They were discovered in the 1950's and follow a huge circular route across the earth to form the world's longest mountain range of 74,030 km's in length. Look at the image on p 85.

- **How did the water overflow the land?**

The hot magma that pushed up out of the rifts formed a new, hot ocean floor that was so hot that it began to well up, pushing up the ocean water. So the sea level rose dramatically and overflowed the land.

- **Did the continents look the same before the Flood as they do today?**

No, from the third day of Creation until just before the Flood, earth looked completely different from what it looks like today, probably with one supercontinent. Although we have some idea, no one really knows *exactly* how the continents fit together in the past, nor do we know how big the super continent really was. Read Gen 1:9-10.

- **What is continental drift?**

The earth's surface consists of a mosaic of rigid plates, each moving as the other moves. This movement or drifting apart of the continents is called continental drift.

- **Did the continents really take millions of years to move apart?**

No. One of the theories on continental drift called Catastrophic plate tectonics by Dr John Baumgardner explains how the speed with which the continents moved apart could have been up to 150 feet per second! That's really fast and this probably happened where certain plates slid/dived beneath other plates (called: 'subduction'). So the breaking up of the '*fountains of the deep*' caused the super-continent to be broken up with the plates moving away from each other, sliding/diving under one another and sometimes ramming into each other to form today's mountain ranges. In this way, the continents moved into their current positions within just a few months.

- **How long did the fountain continue to squirting water**

150 Days or 5 months!

- **What else could be indicated by this 'breaking open of the fountains'?**

It probably also included a series of volcanic eruptions, especially where the hot new ocean floor began to dive under the continents (called subduction zones). Large amounts of water were released from beneath the surface in the process and violent earthquakes and tsunami's occurred. Up to 70% of what is released from a volcano is actually water in the form of steam. Violent earthquakes and tsunami's would have occurred because of this.

- **For how long did the rain continue?**

40 Days and nights

- **Do you still think that all the water for the Flood came from above?**

Most of the water most likely came from within the earth and the sea when the *'fountains of the deep broke open'* and continued to squirt water for 5 months.

- **What is a fossil?**

It is the remains of a once living, ancient organism that is embedded and preserved in rock. It includes plants, animals and their parts (shells, teeth, bones, or complete skeletons), as well as the tracks that they left. Some fossils no longer contain the organism's original material, but consist of minerals that penetrated the organism to take on its form. These minerals eventually hardened to stone (this is called petrification) and so the minerals are in the exact shape of the organism, or a part of it, but the organism itself is missing.

- **How old are fossils based on Biblical events?**

Approximately ±4 500 old because they were buried and formed during the Flood.

- **How old do most people believe fossils are and why does that not make sense?**

Most people believe that fossils formed in a slow, gradual process over millions of years during which rock layers or volcanic ash slowly covered the organism. Question: How could this have happened slowly without the organism decaying or being scavenged?

- **Is their evidence which contradicts the idea of fossils being millions of years old?**

Researchers have found that chicken bones and wood can be replaced with minerals in just 5-10 years, while a large dinosaur bone might take hundreds of years to completely mineralize. Many dinosaur remains have still not completely turned to stone; sometimes more than half of the fossil is usually still original bone, not stone! Some fossil fish still had a fishy smell when first discovered. Furthermore, there are hundreds of examples of modern objects like cups, keys, scissors, a toy car, etc that was rapidly encapsulated by rock material. Search on www.creation.com for 'rapid fossils'.

- **So fossils can form quickly?**

Yes! It all depends on the burial conditions.

- **What are the conditions necessary for a fossil to form?**

A sudden death, a sudden burial in sediment layers and enormous pressure to lock out the oxygen, because if oxygen had been present, the organism would have rotted before it could



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have turned into a fossil. The higher the pressure, the faster the sediments encapsulating the organism would have hardened.

- **What are sediments, sedimentary strata and the geologic column?**

Sediments are mud consisting of soil, sand, pebbles and clayey particles that were deposited in various different flat layers (or strata) similar to pancakes, and those layers are called sedimentary strata. It is shown in the form of a geologic column. Most people believe that each layer formed over millions of years, but Creationists believe they were all formed and deposited rapidly during the Food. See page 90.

- **The sedimentary strata cover almost 3/4 (75%) of earth's surface - Why?**

Sediment layers are mostly deposited by water, so it's all because of the worldwide Flood

- **Where can we find fossils and why?**

Only in the sedimentary strata because they were buried in these layers during the Flood

- **What is the fossil record?**

It is the location (in the geologic column) in which organisms occurred and the order in which they were buried by the rising sediment-laden Flood waters. Look on page 90.

- **So what do we learn from the fossil record?**

That once upon a time, a huge catastrophe occurred where billions upon billions of plants and animals were rapidly covered and buried in the sedimentary strata where they later turned into fossils.

- **Do we have examples of fossils that had to have formed rapidly?**

Yes! Ichthyosaur giving birth; fish swallowing fish; fossilized jellyfish; fossilized oysters with closed shells. Page 91 of *Creation to re-creation*.

- **Why is the place where these oysters were discovered interesting?**

Because they were discovered at an altitude of about 4,000m above sea level in Peru! But how could oysters ever have lived up there? The shells of these fossilized oysters were all closed! Which means they must have been alive when they were suddenly buried under a colossal mass of sediments and then these areas were pushed up towards the end of the Flood to form the mountains such as the Andes, that we can see today – further evidence that the WHOLE earth was covered by the waters of the worldwide Flood.



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## 2e The Flood - After the Flood (Mountains, Valleys, Ice Age, Mammoths, Glaciers) Pp 92-102

- **Read Psalm 104:6-9**

Read with children

- **What is 'topography'?**

It is a description of the surface features of the land and this includes mountains, hills and creeks

- **What do we learn from Psalm 104 regarding earth's topography?**

We learn that God drastically altered earth's topography

- **What events most likely occurred according to this description in Psalm 104?**

The breaking up of the super-continent, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions as well as the relatively rapid movement of earth's tectonic plates contributed to continental masses and mountains such as the Himalayas, Alps and Andes being pushed up and other areas sinking down under the pressure of the water mass that streamed off the continents into these new ocean basins, exactly as described in Psalm 104.

- **What are folded mountains and how were they formed?**

Folded mountains consist of sedimentary rocks, which means it was deposited by water. They formed when these soft layers were being pushed up resulting in them being distorted, twisted and folded because of this enormous release of energy. Folded mountains must have formed while the sediment layers were still relatively soft, otherwise they would have crumbled and completely disintegrated without forming such even folds.

- **Could folded mountains have formed because of the eruption of volcanoes?**

No, folded mountains consist of sedimentary rocks (it was deposited by water). It is not volcanic rocks (also called igneous rocks). Igneous rocks form when soft, super hot lava cool down and harden.

- **Do you know of places in South Africa where you can see folded mountains?**

Swartberg Mountains

- **Do all mountains consist of sedimentary rocks?**

No, the other mountain type is volcanic mountains, i.o.w., they came into existence because of the eruption of volcanoes.

- **When were the mountains that we know today formed?**

Both volcanic and non-volcanic mountains came into existence more or less during the same time period towards the end of the Flood.



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- **Were the mountains as high before the Flood as they are today?**

It couldn't have been. Mount Everest is almost 9 km's high, while the Mariana Trench near Guam is almost 11 km's deep. If it were possible to flatten the earth by evenly leveling the mountains and pushing up the basins, so that the earth was a smooth ball, all of the continents would be covered by water as deep as 2.7 km's! There is more than enough water around to cover the entire earth – the topography simply needs to be more level.

Gen 7:20 states: '*The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered*'. If the highest mountains above sea level today (9 km's for Mount Everest) were covered by water that rose seven meters (or 15 cubits) higher than those mountains during the Flood, the world would have been covered with water forever, because the continents would have been too deep under the water. The mountains had to have been lower than they are today and there had to have been geological sinking and upheavals to make room for all that water – and for us.

- **Why are the ocean basins so deep today?**

Because they now needed to serve as reservoirs for the massive amounts of water from the Flood. This means that the water from the Biblical Flood can still be seen today, because it is still being stored in the ocean!

- **How much of the earth surface is covered by water today?**

70%

- **How were the canyons formed?**

This global water mass eventually flattened the pre-Flood hills and mountains through erosion. After the floodwater had covered the highest mountains, God spoke and the waters '*hastened away*'. This means that the enormous and fast-moving body of water would have caused extensive erosion when tonnes of soil were washed from the continents into the sea, leaving behind holes, trenches, ravines and even canyons. In this way, extensive erosion contributed to the basic formation of our landscapes today. So Canyons such as these were formed very rapidly, not slowly!

- **Do we have examples today of canyons/valleys that formed rapidly?**

Little Grand Canyon = 1 day. Burlingame Canyon (USA) = Less than 6 days. Steppe Canyon, etc

- **What is the 'recipe' required for rapid canyon formation?**

A LOT of water and a little bit of time.

- **How does volcanic eruptions affect climatic conditions?**

Volcanic eruptions causes pollutants such as dust and ash to be shot up right into the stratosphere (between 16-48 km's high) where they remain for several years. The presence of massive amounts of these pollutants in the stratosphere can reduce sun radiation by as much as 20% which causes a definite reduction in temperature.

- **How did volcanic eruptions affect the climate during the Flood?**

There are literally thousands of extinct volcanoes around the world and this includes volcanoes under the sea. Their location in the geologic column indicate that they were still active towards the end of the Flood and for a period thereafter while the floodwater receded. Thousands of volcanoes erupted at the same time during the Flood. The huge amounts of dust and ash



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particles shooting into the stratosphere must have drastically influenced the climatic conditions. The combination of dust, ash and smoke in the stratosphere would have darkened the sky considerably preventing the sun's rays from reaching the earth and warming it, which is why the landmass must have cooled very rapidly.

- **Why were the oceans warmer after the Flood than before?**

When the fountains of the deep broke open at the beginning of the Flood, causing the oceanic ridges to tear open, super hot lava pushed up through these ridges to form a brand new sizzling hot seafloor. This hot new seafloor caused the ocean waters to be considerably warmer after the Flood than before.

- **What happens when the oceans are so warm?**

Warm oceans cause an increase in evaporation, and because of this a large amount of warm moisture and clouds are formed in the air. When warm air moves over a cold landmass, the warm air cools rapidly.

- **Why were the landmasses cold after the Flood?**

Volcanic dust and ash blocked out the sun's rays preventing it from warming the landmass. The warm oceans would have caused an increase in moist air resulting in a higher percentage cloud cover which would prevent the sun's rays to warm the earth. The land surface was stripped bare of vegetation because of the Flood causing most of the sunlight to be deflected away. Because the land surface was so cold, any snow that fell there would not have melted quickly, but rather, it would have remained there to form hard ice cap layers.

- **What is the 'recipe' required for an Ice Age?**

A lot of moisture and therefore, an enormous amount of warm water. At the same time, a cold land surface would be required.

- **When did the Ice Age occur?**

The Ice Age must have commenced after the Flood and continued until the oceans cooled considerably and the climate began to stabilize.

- **How long did the Ice Age last?**

Most creation scientists believe that the Ice Age lasted for about 700 years. It took about 500 of the 700 years for the ice caps to build up and 200 of the 700 years to melt down.

- **How many Ice Ages were there and how much of the earth did the ice cover?**

These unique conditions for an Ice Age to develop occurred only once in the history of the world, so there was only one Ice Age. The ice never covered more than one third (1/3) of the earth's surface.

- **What do most scientists believe regarding the Ice Age?**

They believe that many ice ages have occurred over a fictional period of two million years, five of them being of major significance. Considering the unique conditions required for the commencement of just a single Ice Age, this claim is quite unrealistic.



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- **Most people think mammoths were prehistoric animals. Does that make sense to you?**

When the Polar regions froze, the animals in the far north, such as mammoths, were trapped and overwhelmed by the freezing cold conditions and ice. However, other familiar that were also suddenly frozen include bears, wolves, jackals, saber toothed tigers, lynx, horses, camels, goats, bison, sheep, rats, etc. These are not prehistoric, so why would the mammoth be prehistoric?

- **Why is it not possible for mammoths to have lived and be frozen millions of years ago?**

Mammoths have been discovered of which the meat was still edible! Dogs ate it and even some people. Since their remains were discovered on top of the Flood sediments, they must have frozen some time after the Flood. Radiocarbon dating has indicated the extinction of the mammoths at less than 4,000 years ago, which is of course the correct age according to the Flood events (±2,348 BC).

- **Have people really seen them?**

Rock paintings of mammoths were made by people who obviously lived with them after the Flood. How else would you draw something in such detail if you've never seen it before? The indigenous Evenk tribe of North-eastern Siberia has well-preserved mammoth skins in their possession. They have described in detail what the animals looked like, how they behaved, what they ate as well as how they hunted these animals themselves. During a Russian expedition in 1922, written records of living mammoths were discovered within this tribe. The most interesting was the discovery of Colonel John Blashford-Snell. He discovered two of these elephants with features similar to extinct elephants such as the mammoths in western Nepal; and he took photo's! Look at the presentation or check out my first book.

- **What happened when the Ice Age ended?**

Many years after the Flood, the oceans cooled down again causing less evaporation, fewer clouds and less snowfall. The volcanoes were no longer as active as during the Flood and eventually all the dust and ash had settled sufficiently for the warm rays of the sun to reheat those parts of the world. The Ice Age had ended and the warmer temperatures caused sheets of ice to begin sliding southwards from the North Pole, off the continents. Scientists refer to this as the Glacial Period.

- **How do we know glaciers were larger than today?**

When these ice sheets or glaciers slowly slide down steep slopes, they grind and crush the rock material beneath and carve out U-shaped valleys while dragging the crushed rock material along over long distances. Later, after the glacier had melted, you can clearly see the grooves in the hard rock. This is how we know that there were previously much larger ice sheets present than today.

- **How did people and animals distribute to other continents?**

During the Ice Age the sea level was much lower than today because so much water had been locked into the ice cover. Consequently, for a long time, land bridges would have been available whereby people and animals could have moved to other continents. Smaller animals could also have crossed the sea on rafts consisting of pumice or floating vegetation.



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## 2f The Flood - After the Flood (Survival of humans and animals, Race and Languages) Pp 102-109

- **What did the animals possibly eat in the time after they disembarked from the Ark?**

The large amounts of vegetation, including the remnants of trees, which must have been stranded en masse after the Flood would have made the growth of many types of fungi (mushrooms) possible; Seaweed; Carrion; Carcasses; Fish trapped in pools; Insect, earthworm and rodent populations would have grown explosively. Various plants already began to grow before the ark inhabitants disembarked.

- **How did the plants grow again after the Flood?**

Through vegetative propagation (where new plants grow from roots, stems or leaves, and where the normal reproductive organs such as seeds/flowers etc, are not involved). Also, seeds that are in a dormant or resting state can survive as 'passengers' for long periods, even when they are soaked in water (they could have survived on floating vegetation rafts). Many seeds were buried in early Flood deposits and later exposed by erosion. In addition, Noah may have taken various kinds of seed onboard as well.

- **How do we know that there were already some plants when they disembarked the Ark?**

A dove brought an olive leaf to Noah in the Ark, which clearly means that olive trees and possibly a large variety of other plants had already begun to grow even before they ventured out of the Ark

- **How did the dinosaurs become extinct?**

All the dinosaurs, except those in the Ark, were destroyed and buried during the Flood. One pair of every kind of land animal, including dinosaurs as well as birds and pterosaurs survived in Noah's Ark, filling the earth again after the Flood. Since that time, many different animals have become extinct, not only the dinosaurs, as a constant reminder of the serious consequences of sin on Creation. After the Flood, animals and people began to fear each other, which is in harmony with Genesis 9:3 where humans were given permission to eat meat. This is why they were hunted to the point of possible extinction. As in the case of the Dodo of Mauritius, it is more than possible that dinosaurs became extinct due to human impact; especially since people saw them as such a threat.

- **Read Gen 9:18-19. Where do all the people of today come from according to this verse?**

The whole earth was populated from the three sons of Noah - Sem, Ham and Japheth (and their wives) and their descent can clearly be traced back to Adam and Eve since Adam was Noah's great, great, great, great, great, great, great (x7) grandpa.

- **How do we know that the earth is not over populated?**

Because calculations have shown that a world population of six billion people could easily fit into a small country like England; and then each one would have about 20 square meters of space around him/her. The current (2022) world population of around 8 billions is not much more than that.

- **What is exponential growth?**

This is when a populations' growth doubles after every subsequent population. With regard to the human population, it means that after each subsequent generation, there were more people than during the previous generation.

- **What growth rate do we need to account for the number of people on earth today if it began with only eight?**

Only 0.45% (instead of more than 1% today)

- **If we use the 0.45% population growth rate, how many times would the subsequent populations, beginning with only eight people, need to double to reach the current number of people on earth?**

Only 30 times

- **Are there different human races?**

No, there is only one human race, but their are different people (ethnic) groups)

- **Read Acts 17:26-27. Are we all related to Adam and Eve?**

Yes, Eve means 'life' which makes sense because Eve is the mother of all humankind. From this verse we clearly learn that every human being on earth is related to the other because it is written: "*And He has made* ***from one blood every nation*** *of men to dwell on all the face of the earth*".

- **Why do skin color differ?**

We all have the same skin coloring pigment responsible for our skin color, called melanin and melanin works like a kind of sunblock. The more melanin you have, the darker your skin would be and the longer it would take for you to burn in the sun. The less you have, the lighter your skin color would be and the easier or faster you would burn in the sun.

- **Where do all the different languages come from?**

It began at the Tower of Babel when God confused their languages because of their disobedience when He told them to distribute over the earth and fill it.

- **How did people distribute over the earth?**

After God confused their languages (because of their disobedience), they could not understand one another any more. The people that were able to understand one another (because they now spoke the same specific language) began to group together, and eventually moved away to places where they could live and work together without so much confusion. And so God ensured that they distributed over the earth to fill it, anyway.

- **Why do people in Africa mostly have a dark skin color, while people in Europe mostly have a light skin color?**

The people groups that understood one another distributed in all directions: Asia, North and South America, Europe, Africa and Australia. Some individuals in these groups would have had the same skin color, but there must have also been a wide variety of skin colors in each group.

**Groups that reached the warmer parts of Africa and Australia:** Individuals with a very light skin color would have burned faster in the sun than those with darker skin, since they had less



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melanin to protect them from the sun. They may have contracted skin cancer, later becoming too ill to have children and eventually dying after being continually exposed to the sun. In time, mostly people with darker skin would therefore have survived in Africa and Australia since they were better adapted to the harsh climatic conditions in these areas as they had more melanin in their skin.

**Groups that reached the cooler, cloudier northern parts of Europe**: All people need some sunshine on their skin so that they can produce Vitamin D. People with lighter skin only need a little bit of sun to do so, but people with darker skin need more sunlight since their darker skin would prevent them from absorbing much sunlight. Remember, melanin acts like a sunblock. Consequently, people with darker skins would have become very ill in these cloudy areas, because their bodies would not have been able to produce enough Vitamin D. As time went by, the darker-skinned people would have died while people with lighter skin would mostly have been able to survive in these areas with high cloud cover since they were better adapted to those climatic conditions.

- **The Inuit (Eskimo's) have brown skin, yet they live where there is not much sun. Why don't they suffer from Vitamin D deficiency?**

They probably have the same genetic make-up for a medium-colour skin. Yet they don't suffer from Vitamin D deficiency since they obtain most of their Vitamin D from their diet of predominantly fish.

- **Why did the confusion of languages at Babel become a stumbling block in the spreading of the Gospel?**

Since people could not understand different languages, the Good News of the Gospel could not be spread to people who spoke other languages

- **How did God solve this problem?**

God blessed specific people in the Christian Church with the gift of speaking in tongues – without them even having to learn the specific language (See Acts 2, 10 and 19). Speaking in tongues means to have the gift to speak in a specific understandable language so that the Gospel truth can be clearly understood by all people, nations and tongues (in other words, people from differing languages). The purpose is therefore to spread the Good News of the Gospel to all people and all languages.



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# PART 3

# REDEMPTION

- **Can you still remember how God described his Creation works?**

During Creation week, GOD described His Creation six times as '*good*'; but after looking at His completed creative works at the end of Day 6, HE described it as '*very good*'.

- **And what does this mean again?**

It means that God created everything flawless, perfect and beautiful.

- **Can you remember what 'freedom of choice' means?**

God created mankind with the ability to choose, because true love will always give you the freedom to choose. This means that you can choose for yourself whether you want to love, serve and obey God.

- **What important point should we always remember when it comes to 'freedom of choice'?**

With this ability to choose comes a huge responsibility, because choices always have consequences.

- **Did Adam & Eve make the right choice when God gave them His first instruction?**

No!

- **What was the consequences of their wrong decision?**

When Adam and Eve chose to be disobedient to God, they also chose the tragic consequences that would affect them as well as all of their descendants, including you and me. Those consequences include things such as pests and diseases, famine, war, hatred, suffering, pain, sadness, evil and ultimately, death.

- **Many people blame God and ask how He can be a loving God when we see all these terrible things happening in the world today. Is it God's fault?**

Certainly not – this is the sad and tragic consequences of disobedience to God

- **How is the reaction of people to God's warning in the time of Noah similar today?**

People in Noah's time took absolutely no notice of the 120-year warning that God was about to bring a great destruction on the earth; and despite Noah's continual warning while building the Ark, people ignored this serious warning and instead, they mocked and laughed at Noah every opportunity they got. That period was actually a period of grace because they had a 120-years to repent and trust in God.

In this last period of grace of earth's history, there is once again a very serious warning given in advance to everyone on earth; and that is that Jesus will soon return to Earth; and this time, HE is not only coming as the Savior of His children, but HE is also coming as the Judge of the

universe to pass judgment on all the unbelievers and false Christians. [Read 2 Pet 3:10-12.] As it was in the days of Noah, there are people today who simply don't believe that this warning is true at all, but this does not change the fact that it will happen.

- **What is sin?**

Sin is anything we think, do, or say in violation of God's commandments.

- **Where do we find those Commandments again?**

In Exodus 20. God wrote these Commandments in stone with His own finger; and when something is written in stone, it means that it is forever. The Ten Commandments are like a mirror that shows us where we have been stained by sin.

- **Is all sin equally serious?**

Sin is sin. In God's eyes all sins are equally serious because all sins eventually lead to eternal death. Read Romans 6:23. God wants to give us eternal life, not eternal death.

- **Why does God have to punish sinners?**

Because God is 100% love, but also 100% righteous and holy. Therefore, HE must punish the sinner because HE cannot be anything but a righteous God.

- **What is the punishment for sin?**

Eternal death

- **Who will save us?**

Jesus stands ready and willing to forgive our sins and save us from eternal death.

- **How did Jesus become our Savior?**

Even before the Creation, the heavenly Family already had a solution for this sad state of affairs. God is omniscient, which means, HE knows everything. HE created man with a free will and HE knew that they might choose to be disobedient; and if that were to happen, there had to be a plan to save mankind from sin and its deadly consequence. The plan was that ONE of the Persons of the Godhead would pay the penalty for our sin. That person was Jesus!

- **Wasn't it cruel of God the Father to allow His Son to pay the penalty that we deserve?**

Read Joh 10:17-18 & Phil 2:6-8. In these verses we clearly see that Jesus, the Son Himself voluntarily offered to lay down His life because HE loves the Father and us infinitely! No-one forced Him to do so and the Son did not make any decision on His own, but always according to His Father's will. The plan of salvation was therefore determined by the Godhead in unity.

- **What is the Good News of the Gospel?**

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus has already paid the penalty for our sins. HE became the perfect sacrifice by dying on the cross. But more importantly, HE rose from the grave to be the Savior of every person who chooses to accept His free gift of salvation.



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- **What does it mean when I accept this free gift? Can I still continue doing the same wrong things as before?**

Certainly not! By accepting this free gift, we choose to live our lives according to the example Jesus gave us. We cannot do that in our own strength, but only through the strength of Jesus, our Savior.

- **What beautiful promise has God given to us if we made this choice?**

Jesus promised that every person who made this choice would live with Him in the Heavenly Paradise - forever! Our Creator will recreate us physically by clothing us with immortality at His Second Coming. Never again will there be sin or death. Nobody will ever be afraid, sad or alone again. Read Romans 6:23

- **Could there perhaps be someone else or another way that could save us?**

No! Read John 10:9 and 14:6

- **What can we do to be saved?**

This is the most important question you will ever ask yourself.

- We must confess our sin. (We should admit to God that we have sinned – ourselves)
- We must be sincerely sorry and repent. 'Repent' means to turn away from sin. Turn to God. Tell Him how sorry you are for what you have done and stop doing it – turn away from it.
- We must ask Jesus to cleanse us from our sin and to be our personal Savior.
- We must honestly try not to sin again. If we apologize while already planning in our hearts to sin again, then we are not sincerely sorry and God cannot forgive us. Remember, God always looks at what is in our hearts (our minds). We cannot hide anything from Him, not even our thoughts. Therefore, when we confess and repent, we need to truly mean what we say. As hard as we try, we all seem to stumble and sin again every now and then. When this happens, happens, confess it to God immediately and ask for His forgiveness. Don't wait until tonight when you go to bed. Don't become discouraged! We simply cannot conquer sin in our own strength. We need Jesus every second of every day so that we, through His strength, can make the right choices.
- Get to know God. Study His Word, the Bible. Pray and talk to God about everything in your life and as often as possible. We can do that in our thoughts or out loud. HE is interested in every little detail of our lives and HE wants us to share our thoughts, worries, hopes and dreams with Him. You can even write letters to Him if you like – as in a journal. We need to follow the instructions that He gave to us in His Word, The Bible, so that HE can protect us against THE enemy of mankind – satan. HE cannot do that if we choose to remove ourselves from His protective umbrella
- And remember, even if you were the only person on earth, Jesus still would have laid down His life to save you. He loves us more than we can ever truly understand.



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